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COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC KVP in Oranienburg

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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] an AAA instruction battery transferred from Pasewalk to Oranienburg by road. The battery was ordered to give AAA instruction to a KVP unit in Oranienburg [redacted] and to return to Pasewalk during the night [redacted]. The battery belonged to an AAA instruction unit which was subordinate directly to the group headquarters in Pasewalk under the command of a major general. The unit was organized into 3 instruction batteries each with 3 x 85 mm guns and 3 x 37 mm guns.<sup>1</sup>

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2. [redacted] the 11th and 12th classes of the Oranienburg high school started an AAA course which followed courses on nuclear physics and Soviet education and took the place of courses on biology, music and athletics. The students had allegedly to sign up for 4 hours of AAA instruction twice a week during their vacations.<sup>2</sup>

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3. [redacted] the unit quartered in Oranienburg Castle received training, mostly on AA guns. [redacted] about 80 officers aspirants received instruction on map reading at the athletic field. They wore the letter A on their epaulets.

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4. [redacted] about 150 officers aspirants of various branches of service and 130 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and 130 wearing yellow-bordered black epaulets marched from the firing ranges near the brick works to the concentration camp. [redacted] the troops stationed at the concentration camp were allegedly confined to quarters because of an infectious disease.<sup>3</sup>

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5. [redacted] the east section of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp was still occupied by an estimated about 2,000 KVP. While no training activity was conducted at the barracks installation, about 20 officers were engaged in position determination with map and compass in the woods east of the canal bridge and north of Bernauer Chaussee. Fifteen soldiers wearing blue-grey coveralls were seen on a pontoon on Lehnitz Lake. [redacted]

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6. [redacted] houses No 72 thru 80 of the former Sachsenhausen concentration camp on Bernauer Allee were occupied by officers dependents. Furniture vans

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were seen almost daily from Dresden, Halle, Grossenhain, Zittau, Glauchau and Meerane.<sup>3</sup>

7. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] 200 civilians from 17 to 18 years of age arrived at the camp from Leipzig on that day.<sup>3</sup>

8. Training on several AA guns was performed almost daily at the installation. The guns were sheltered at installation No 110, 111 and 112 in rainy weather.

[redacted] each occupied 25X1 by about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with the letter A proceeded from Oranienburg Castle to the firing ranges near the brick works.<sup>3</sup>

9. [redacted] the east section of the former Oranienburg concentration camp 25X1

was still occupied to capacity by KVP. Several low wooden buildings in the north section of the camp proper also were occupied by KVP units. [redacted] black, red and red-bordered green collar patches. A soldier stated that the 25X1 units were infantry and artillery units. The latter included 6 batteries with guns of 122 mm caliber.



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1. [redacted] Comment. The AA battery is believed to belong to the instruction battalion of the AA regiment of Captain Bahr of Armeegruppe Nord. [redacted]

2. [redacted] Comment. The program for paramilitary training which had been underway in East Germany [redacted] was cut down for political reasons shortly after. [redacted]

3. [redacted] Comment. The KVP situation was largely unchanged [redacted] 25X1



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